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SUBJ: PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER

1. WHEN I CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER ARIAS AFTERNOON JULY 24, HE SAID HE HAD JUST RECEIVED WORD (APPARENTLY THROUGH SPANISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THAT HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT HAD BEEN RESCHEDULED TO JULY 29 AT 9:00 P.M. PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THE ONLY PROBLEM WAS THAT HIS PLANE WAS NOT SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN HELSINKI UNTIL ABOUT 8:15 P.M. JULY 29 AND THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY AIR TRAFFIC INTO HELSINKI IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO CHANGE HIS FLIGHT PLAN. HE HOPED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DELAY IN HIS ARRIVAL, IN WHICH CASE HE WOULD GO DIRECTLY TO HIS MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT. HOWEVER, IF THERE WERE A DELAY, HE HOPED HIS LATE ARRIVAL FOR THE MEETING WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD.

COMMENT: PRIME MINISTER MADE NO SUGGESTION THAT THE PROPOSED 9:00 P.M. MEETING BE CHANGED ALTHOUGH I BELIEVE HE WOULD FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE IF ANOTHER TIME COULD BE ARRANGED. HE MENTIONED THAT HE HAD A MEETING SCHEDULED WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AT 9:00 A.M. JULY 30.
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